

**Table 12. Number and percent distribution of ambulatory care visits by diagnosis group and ambulatory care setting: United States, 1996**

Diagnosis group <sup>1</sup>	Combined settings		Physician offices		Outpatient departments		Emergency departments	
	Number of visits in thousands	Percent distribution	Number of visits in thousands	Percent distribution	Number of visits in thousands	Percent distribution	Number of visits in thousands	Percent distribution
All visits . . . . .	892,025	100.0	734,493	100.0	67,186	100.0	90,347	100.0
Infectious and parasitic diseases . . . . .	28,511	3.2	23,580	3.2	2,045	3.0	2,886	3.2
Streptococcal sore throat . . . . .	2,816	0.3	2,408	0.3	110	0.2	299	0.3
HIV infection <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1,153	0.1	772	0.1	356	0.5	* . .	* . .
Viral warts . . . . .	3,829	0.4	3,600	0.5	211	0.3	* . .	* . .
Unspecified viral and chlamydial infections . . . . .	4,394	0.5	3,215	0.4	227	0.3	952	1.1
Dermatophytosis . . . . .	2,835	0.3	2,587	0.4	188	0.3	* . .	* . .
Candidiasis . . . . .	1,840	0.2	1,629	0.2	134	0.2	* . .	* . .
Other infectious and parasitic diseases . . . . .	11,644	1.3	9,370	1.3	819	1.2	1,454	1.6
Neoplasms . . . . .	31,793	3.6	28,487	3.9	3,093	4.6	213	0.2
Malignant neoplasm of colon and rectum . . . . .	2,739	0.3	2,418	0.3	313	0.5	* . .	* . .
Malignant neoplasm of skin . . . . .	3,579	0.4	3,402	0.5	173	0.3	* . .	* . .
Malignant neoplasm of breast . . . . .	4,375	0.5	3,870	0.5	487	0.7	* . .	* . .
Malignant neoplasm of prostate . . . . .	2,475	0.3	2,401	0.3	*75	*0.1	— . .	— . .
Malignant neoplasm of lymphatic and hematopoietic tissue . . . . .	4,592	0.5	4,160	0.6	415	0.6	* . .	* . .
Other malignant neoplasms . . . . .	6,130	0.7	5,182	0.7	821	1.2	128	0.1
Benign neoplasm of skin . . . . .	2,772	0.3	2,667	0.4	105	0.2	— . .	— . .
Other benign neoplasm . . . . .	3,355	0.4	2,873	0.4	456	0.7	* . .	* . .
Neoplasm of uncertain behavior and unspecified nature . . . . .	1,776	0.2	1,516	0.2	249	0.4	* . .	* . .
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases, and immunity disorders . . . . .	35,061	3.9	29,905	4.1	3,986	5.9	1,170	1.3
Acquired hypothyroidism . . . . .	2,219	0.2	2,031	0.3	162	0.2	* . .	* . .
Other disorders of the thyroid gland . . . . .	1,678	0.2	1,539	0.2	132	0.2	* . .	* . .
Diabetes mellitus . . . . .	18,910	2.1	15,896	2.2	2,684	4.0	330	0.4
Disorders of lipid metabolism . . . . .	4,602	0.5	4,239	0.6	363	0.5	— . .	— . .
Obesity . . . . .	3,093	0.3	2,915	0.4	178	0.3	— . .	— . .
Other endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases, and immunity disorders . . . . .	4,559	0.5	3,285	0.4	468	0.7	806	0.9
Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs . . . . .	4,245	0.5	3,542	0.5	348	0.5	356	0.4
Anemias . . . . .	2,909	0.3	2,405	0.3	268	0.4	236	0.3
Other diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs . . . . .	1,336	0.1	1,137	0.2	*79	*0.1	* . .	* . .
Mental disorders . . . . .	39,167	4.4	31,805	4.3	4,755	7.1	2,607	2.9
Schizophrenic disorders . . . . .	2,439	0.3	1,883	0.3	446	0.7	110	0.1
Major depressive disorder . . . . .	5,582	0.6	4,769	0.6	689	1.0	125	0.1
Other psychoses . . . . .	3,541	0.4	2,728	0.4	422	0.6	390	0.4
Anxiety states . . . . .	5,061	0.6	4,371	0.6	246	0.4	444	0.5
Neurotic depression . . . . .	2,897	0.3	2,680	0.4	204	0.3	* . .	* . .
Alcohol dependence syndrome . . . . .	601	0.1	* . .	* . .	351	0.5	* . .	* . .
Drug dependence and nondependent use of drugs . . . . .	2,225	0.2	1,125	0.2	433	0.6	667	0.7
Acute reaction to stress and adjustment reaction . . . . .	1,863	0.2	1,371	0.2	420	0.6	73	0.1
Depressive disorder, not elsewhere classified . . . . .	6,008	0.7	5,189	0.7	611	0.9	209	0.2
Attention deficit disorder . . . . .	3,585	0.4	3,092	0.4	487	0.7	* . .	* . .
Other mental disorders . . . . .	5,363	0.6	4,453	0.6	446	0.7	465	0.5
Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs . . . . .	80,003	9.0	70,036	9.5	4,792	7.1	5,175	5.7
Migraine . . . . .	3,987	0.4	3,105	0.4	143	0.2	739	0.8
Other disorders of the central nervous system . . . . .	4,401	0.5	3,424	0.5	774	1.2	203	0.2
Carpal tunnel syndrome . . . . .	2,393	0.3	2,180	0.3	148	0.2	* . .	* . .
Other disorders of the nervous system . . . . .	3,067	0.3	2,671	0.4	300	0.4	* . .	* . .
Retinal detachment and other retinal disorders . . . . .	3,139	0.4	2,988	0.4	151	0.2	— . .	— . .
Glaucoma . . . . .	6,461	0.7	6,194	0.8	267	0.4	— . .	— . .
Cataract . . . . .	6,564	0.7	6,223	0.8	335	0.5	* . .	* . .
Disorders of refraction and accommodation . . . . .	4,300	0.5	4,169	0.6	131	0.2	— . .	— . .
Conjunctivitis . . . . .	4,267	0.5	3,591	0.5	209	0.3	467	0.5
Disorders of eyelids . . . . .	2,335	0.3	2,211	0.3	*93	*0.1	* . .	* . .
Other disorders of the eye and adnexa . . . . .	7,749	0.9	7,037	1.0	414	0.6	298	0.3
Disorders of external ear . . . . .	3,810	0.4	3,279	0.4	223	0.3	309	0.3
Otitis media and Eustachian tube disorders . . . . .	22,750	2.6	18,848	2.6	1,201	1.8	2,701	3.0
Other diseases of the ear and mastoid process . . . . .	4,781	0.5	4,118	0.6	403	0.6	260	0.3

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Diseases of the circulatory system . . . . .	66,703	7.5	57,753	7.9	4,895	7.3	4,055	4.5
Angina pectoris . . . . .	2,317	0.3	1,985	0.3	112	0.2	221	0.2
Coronary atherosclerosis . . . . .	6,407	0.7	5,840	0.8	537	0.8	* . .	*
Other ischemic heart disease . . . . .	3,259	0.4	2,392	0.3	169	0.3	698	0.8
Cardiac dysrhythmias . . . . .	4,480	0.5	3,651	0.5	160	0.2	669	0.7
Congestive heart failure . . . . .	3,711	0.4	2,714	0.4	369	0.5	629	0.7
Other heart disease . . . . .	3,940	0.4	3,496	0.5	327	0.5	* . .	*
Essential hypertension . . . . .	30,610	3.4	27,690	3.8	2,456	3.7	465	0.5
Cerebrovascular disease . . . . .	3,158	0.4	2,251	0.3	192	0.3	714	0.8
Diseases of the arteries, arterioles, and capillaries . . . . .	2,602	0.3	2,349	0.3	178	0.3	* . .	*
Hemorrhoids . . . . .	2,004	0.2	1,684	0.2	186	0.3	133	0.1
Other diseases of the circulatory system . . . . .	4,215	0.5	3,702	0.5	208	0.3	305	0.3
Diseases of the respiratory system . . . . .	112,624	12.6	95,453	13.0	5,609	8.3	11,562	12.8
Acute sinusitis . . . . .	1,407	0.2	1,059	0.1	136	0.2	212	0.2
Acute pharyngitis . . . . .	12,295	1.4	10,065	1.4	759	1.1	1,472	1.6
Acute tonsillitis . . . . .	2,734	0.3	2,105	0.3	*78	*0.1	550	0.6
Acute bronchitis and bronchiolitis . . . . .	3,567	0.4	2,680	0.4	139	0.2	749	0.8
Other acute respiratory infections . . . . .	24,845	2.8	21,219	2.9	1,431	2.1	2,196	2.4
Chronic sinusitis . . . . .	15,411	1.7	14,295	1.9	532	0.8	584	0.6
Allergic rhinitis . . . . .	8,789	1.0	8,376	1.1	332	0.5	* . .	*
Pneumonia . . . . .	4,525	0.5	3,146	0.4	180	0.3	1,198	1.3
Chronic and unspecified bronchitis . . . . .	12,312	1.4	10,253	1.4	476	0.7	1,584	1.8
Asthma . . . . .	11,889	1.3	9,051	1.2	903	1.3	1,935	2.1
Other chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and allied conditions . . . . .	4,055	0.5	3,652	0.5	218	0.3	185	0.2
Other diseases of the respiratory system . . . . .	10,794	1.2	9,551	1.3	425	0.6	818	0.9
Diseases of the digestive system . . . . .	36,589	4.1	28,219	3.8	3,336	5.0	5,034	5.6
Diseases of the teeth and supporting structures . . . . .	1,637	0.2	926	0.1	138	0.2	573	0.6
Gastritis and duodenitis . . . . .	2,753	0.3	2,002	0.3	265	0.4	486	0.5
Esophagitis . . . . .	1,165	0.1	956	0.1	143	0.2	* . .	*
Ulcer of stomach and small intestine . . . . .	2,192	0.2	1,888	0.3	195	0.3	* . .	*
Hernia of abdominal cavity . . . . .	3,887	0.4	2,917	0.4	820	1.2	150	0.2
Noninfectious enteritis and colitis . . . . .	6,537	0.7	4,740	0.6	323	0.5	1,474	1.6
Diverticula of intestine . . . . .	1,480	0.2	1,296	0.2	116	0.2	* . .	*
Constipation . . . . .	1,633	0.2	1,263	0.2	136	0.2	234	0.3
Irritable colon . . . . .	1,475	0.2	1,304	0.2	138	0.2	* . .	*
Anal and rectal diseases . . . . .	2,360	0.3	2,029	0.3	170	0.3	161	0.2
Disorders of the gallbladder and biliary tract . . . . .	2,419	0.3	2,030	0.3	117	0.2	272	0.3
Gastrointestinal hemorrhage . . . . .	897	0.1	* . .	* . .	* . .	* . .	351	0.4
Other diseases of the digestive system . . . . .	8,155	0.9	6,355	0.9	743	1.1	1,058	1.2
Diseases of the genitourinary system . . . . .	47,935	5.4	40,988	5.6	3,100	4.6	3,847	4.3
Calculus of kidney and ureter . . . . .	1,223	0.1	878	0.1	*28	*0.0	316	0.3
Cystitis and other disorders of the bladder . . . . .	2,172	0.2	1,789	0.2	150	0.2	233	0.3
Urinary tract infection, site not specified . . . . .	6,665	0.7	4,938	0.7	371	0.6	1,357	1.5
Other diseases of the urinary system . . . . .	4,794	0.5	3,939	0.5	297	0.4	558	0.6
Hyperplasia of prostate . . . . .	3,311	0.4	3,194	0.4	110	0.2	* . .	*
Other disorders of male genital organs . . . . .	3,797	0.4	3,398	0.5	218	0.3	180	0.2
Disorders of breast . . . . .	4,953	0.6	4,480	0.6	370	0.6	* . .	*
Inflammatory disorders of female pelvic organs . . . . .	3,755	0.4	3,152	0.4	285	0.4	318	0.4
Noninflammatory disorders of female genital organs . . . . .	3,151	0.4	2,530	0.3	354	0.5	268	0.3
Disorders of menstruation and abnormal bleeding . . . . .	3,962	0.4	3,568	0.5	221	0.3	172	0.2
Menopausal and postmenopausal disorders . . . . .	5,078	0.6	4,866	0.7	205	0.3	* . .	*
Other disorders of the female genital tract . . . . .	5,073	0.6	4,254	0.6	490	0.7	329	0.4
Complications of pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium . . .	3,875	0.4	2,179	0.3	701	1.0	995	1.1

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Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue . . . . .	48,058	5.4	43,183	5.9	2,622	3.9	2,254	2.5
Cellulitis and abscess . . . . .	4,158	0.5	3,105	0.4	276	0.4	777	0.9
Other infection of the skin and subcutaneous tissue . . . . .	2,557	0.3	2,144	0.3	169	0.3	245	0.3
Contact dermatitis and other eczema . . . . .	8,114	0.9	7,153	1.0	430	0.6	530	0.6
Psoriasis and similar disorders . . . . .	2,250	0.3	2,012	0.3	219	0.3	* *	*
Other inflammatory conditions of skin and subcutaneous tissue . . . . .	5,642	0.6	5,170	0.7	341	0.5	131	0.1
Corns, callus, and other hypertrophic and atrophic skin conditions . . . . .	2,259	0.3	2,101	0.3	147	0.2	* *	*
Actinic and seborrheic keratosis . . . . .	5,046	0.6	4,940	0.7	* *	* *	* *	*
Acne . . . . .	6,135	0.7	5,968	0.8	165	0.2	* *	*
Sebaceous cyst . . . . .	3,674	0.4	3,435	0.5	186	0.3	* *	*
Urticaria . . . . .	1,298	0.1	955	0.1	* *	* *	270	0.3
Other disorders of the skin and subcutaneous tissue . . . . .	6,927	0.8	6,200	0.8	514	0.8	213	0.2
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue . . . . .	56,516	6.3	48,759	6.6	3,833	5.7	3,923	4.3
Rheumatoid arthritis . . . . .	781	0.1	* *	* *	189	0.3	* *	*
Osteoarthritis and allied disorders . . . . .	6,825	0.8	6,218	0.8	539	0.8	* *	*
Other arthropathies and related disorders . . . . .	4,726	0.5	4,212	0.6	349	0.5	* *	*
Derangements and other and unspecified joint disorders . . . . .	6,183	0.7	5,273	0.7	332	0.5	578	0.6
Intervertebral disc disorders . . . . .	4,117	0.5	3,914	0.5	109	0.2	* *	*
Lumbago . . . . .	3,123	0.4	2,282	0.3	317	0.5	524	0.6
Other dorsopathies . . . . .	9,650	1.1	8,102	1.1	617	0.9	931	1.0
Peripheral enthesopathies and allied disorders . . . . .	5,451	0.6	4,967	0.7	284	0.4	200	0.2
Synovitis and tenosynovitis . . . . .	2,080	0.2	1,923	0.3	*71	*0.1	* *	*
Myalgia and myositis, unspecified . . . . .	2,577	0.3	2,035	0.3	264	0.4	279	0.3
Other rheumatism, excluding back . . . . .	6,252	0.7	5,139	0.7	391	0.6	721	0.8
Disorders of bone and cartilage . . . . .	2,978	0.3	2,581	0.4	190	0.3	207	0.2
Other diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue . . . . .	1,773	0.2	1,572	0.2	181	0.3	* *	*
Congenital anomalies . . . . .	2,953	0.3	2,293	0.3	641	1.0	* *	*
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period . . . . .	479	0.1	* *	*86	0.1	* *	* *	*
Symptoms, signs, and ill-defined conditions . . . . .	55,505	6.2	39,808	5.4	3,691	5.5	12,006	13.3
Syncope and collapse . . . . .	1,003	0.1	* *	* *	* *	* *	547	0.6
Convulsions . . . . .	2,276	0.3	1,556	0.2	146	0.2	574	0.6
Dizziness and giddiness . . . . .	2,306	0.3	1,774	0.2	121	0.2	411	0.5
Pyrexia of unknown origin . . . . .	1,543	0.2	* *	* *	* *	* *	912	1.0
Symptoms involving skin and other integumentary tissue . . . . .	3,777	0.4	3,170	0.4	323	0.5	284	0.3
Headache . . . . .	4,136	0.5	2,871	0.4	179	0.3	1,087	1.2
Epistaxis . . . . .	945	0.1	* *	* *	* *	* *	303	0.3
Abnormal heart sounds . . . . .	1,151	0.1	887	0.1	*654	*0.1	210	0.2
Dyspnea and respiratory abnormalities . . . . .	1,307	0.1	* *	* *	*91	*0.1	488	0.5
Cough . . . . .	1,005	0.1	899	0.1	* *	* *	* *	*
Chest pain . . . . .	5,726	0.6	3,012	0.4	234	0.3	2,480	2.7
Symptoms involving urinary system . . . . .	2,653	0.3	2,073	0.3	166	0.2	415	0.5
Abdominal pain . . . . .	7,264	0.8	4,296	0.6	504	0.8	2,464	2.7
Other symptoms, signs, and ill-defined conditions . . . . .	20,412	2.3	16,909	2.3	1,731	2.6	1,772	2.0
Injury and poisoning . . . . .	82,450	9.2	49,902	6.8	4,034	6.0	28,514	31.6
Fracture of radius and ulna . . . . .	2,990	0.3	2,139	0.3	211	0.3	640	0.7
Fracture of hand and fingers . . . . .	2,944	0.3	1,983	0.3	152	0.2	809	0.9
Fracture of lower limb . . . . .	6,183	0.7	4,406	0.6	455	0.7	1,322	1.5
Other fractures . . . . .	3,700	0.4	2,435	0.3	269	0.4	996	1.1
Sprains and strains of wrist and hand . . . . .	2,013	0.2	1,362	0.2	111	0.2	540	0.6
Sprains and strains of knee and leg . . . . .	2,655	0.3	2,141	0.3	*93	*0.1	421	0.5
Sprains and strains of ankle . . . . .	2,808	0.3	1,546	0.2	97	0.1	1,165	1.3
Sprains and strains of neck . . . . .	5,275	0.6	4,049	0.6	102	0.2	1,123	1.2
Other sprains and strains of back . . . . .	6,015	0.7	4,614	0.6	250	0.4	1,151	1.3
Other sprains and strains . . . . .	5,319	0.6	3,672	0.5	235	0.3	1,412	1.6
Intracranial injury, excluding those with skull fracture . . . . .	1,336	0.1	* *	* *	* *	* *	758	0.8

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<b>Injury and poisoning—Con.</b>								
Open wound of head . . . . .	3,460	0.4	740	0.1	134	0.2	2,585	2.9
Open wound of hand and fingers . . . . .	3,528	0.4	1,263	0.2	140	0.2	2,125	2.4
Other open wound . . . . .	5,684	0.6	2,815	0.4	338	0.5	2,530	2.8
Superficial injury of cornea . . . . .	958	0.1	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	361	0.4
Other superficial injury . . . . .	2,678	0.3	1,505	0.2	136	0.2	1,036	1.1
Contusions with intact skin surfaces . . . . .	8,480	1.0	3,203	0.4	365	0.5	4,913	5.4
Other injuries . . . . .	8,564	1.0	5,590	0.8	378	0.6	2,596	2.9
Poisonings . . . . .	1,097	0.1	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	786	0.9
Other and unspecified effects of external causes . . . . .	4,840	0.5	3,842	0.5	172	0.3	826	0.9
Complications of surgical and medical care, not elsewhere classified . . . . .	1,922	0.2	1,260	0.2	243	0.4	419	0.5
<b>Supplementary classification of factors influencing health status and contact with health services</b>								
Potential health hazards related to communicable diseases . . .	139,751	15.7	123,169	16.8	13,522	20.1	3,060	3.4
Potential health hazards related to personal and family history . . . . .	4,951	0.6	4,233	0.6	564	0.8	154	0.2
Routine infant or child health check . . . . .	9,433	1.1	7,793	1.1	1,220	1.8	419	0.5
Normal pregnancy . . . . .	27,579	3.1	25,275	3.4	2,269	3.4	* * *	* * *
Postpartum care and examination . . . . .	28,360	3.2	24,530	3.3	3,428	5.1	402	0.4
Encounter for contraceptive management . . . . .	1,798	0.2	1,626	0.2	157	0.2	* * *	* * *
Other encounter related to reproduction . . . . .	2,868	0.3	2,412	0.3	438	0.7	* * *	* * *
Lens replaced by pseudophakos . . . . .	544	0.1	*305	*0.0	234	0.3	* * *	* * *
Artificial opening status and other postsurgical states . . . . .	1,460	0.2	1,447	0.2	* * *	* * *	—	—
Attention to surgical dressing and sutures . . . . .	5,326	0.6	4,586	0.6	666	1.0	* * *	* * *
Follow-up examination . . . . .	1,640	0.2	1,075	0.1	135	0.2	431	0.5
General medical examination . . . . .	7,698	0.9	7,145	1.0	499	0.7	* * *	* * *
Observation and evaluation for suspected conditions not found . . . . .	21,039	2.4	19,708	2.7	1,142	1.7	189	0.2
Gynecological examination . . . . .	5,764	0.6	4,759	0.6	508	0.8	498	0.6
Other factors influencing health status and contact with health services . . . . .	5,006	0.6	4,729	0.6	277	0.4	0.0	0.0
Blank and illegible . . . . .	16,284	1.8	13,546	1.8	1,972	2.9	765	0.8
	19,807	2.2	15,076	2.1	2,095	3.1	2,636	2.9

0.0 Quantity more than zero but less than 0.05.

\* Figure does not meet standard of reliability of precision.

— Quantity zero.

<sup>1</sup>These groups are based on the principal diagnosis coded according to the *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM)* (5). A complete list of the ICD-9-CM codes used to formulate the groupings in this table is shown in the [Technical Notes](#). The intent of this table is to provide a more detailed breakdown of the diagnostic content of ambulatory care visits than would be possible using only the major disease categories, or chapter headings, used in the ICD-9-CM.

<sup>2</sup>HIV is human immunodeficiency virus.

NOTE: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding.